

# A New Chaplain

Pastor Don Timmons

This past December God called me to come and serve Him as one of the chaplains at UGM. The first few days of my new ministry were a time of learning about the Mission, how things are done, and where my role as chaplain fits in. It has been a real blessing getting to know the staff, volunteers, residents, and the people who come through the doors of UGM. Each one has their own story.

One very cold day a gentleman came in and I noted that his hands were cold. I was able to talk with him and give him a warm pair of gloves for his hands. There have been several times that I have been able to listen to people's stories of hurt



and pain, and then pray with them. I am looking forward to the many more opportunities that God will give me to share His love with the precious souls He brings to the Mission.

## UGM ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup> 9:00am  
320 Princess Street

Breakfast will be served, prior to the meeting. Come and hear exciting reports on how God is reaching out to the disadvantaged through the different ministries of UGM. If you would like to attend, please call Katie at 943-9904, and give her your name, and how many will be attending.

## CHRISTIAN IN-HOUSE ADDICTIONS PROGRAM FOR WOMEN WITH CHILDREN

This ministry is still very much on our hearts and an ideal building is still for sale. As to date we have received \$150,000.00 in pledges and donations.

**CFAM**  
Radio 950  
Altona

**AM 1250**  
Steinbach

**CJRB**  
Radio 1220  
Boissevain

Listen to Program of Hymns, Monday - Friday from 3:00 -4:00 PM

UGM is sponsoring "The Story Teller", a 15 minute radio program of testimonies by Native Christians. We want Native people all over Manitoba to hear about hope in Jesus. The program is on the secular Native radio network (NCI) which covers 97% of Manitoba. Three of the radio stations are Selkirk (105.5 FM), Swan Lake (90.5 FM) and Minnedosa (91.5 FM).

Please encourage your Native friends to listen on Sundays at 9:15 am. And your heart would also be blessed.

## HEAR YE! HEAR YE!

Every Sunday afternoon a dramatized story of redemption called 'Unshackled' is broadcast twice in Manitoba.

Hear it at 1pm on CKJS and at 5pm on Steinbach, Altona and Boissevain.

Please pray that God would provide a corporate sponsor to help us continue to bring this exciting radio drama to Manitoba.

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"To open their eyes, so that they may turn from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, in order that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and an inheritance among those who have been sanctified by faith in Me." Acts 26:18

## Voices From the Street

WINTER 2009

## A Life Changed By Christ Adrian's Journey

Jesus said, "Did I not say to you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?"—John 11:40-44



My life is divided into two Mparts. There is the BC period (Before Christ) and the AD period. The BC period was a very rocky period. I used to think that my years before accepting Jesus were wasted years. I now see them as formative years. They were the years of asking many questions and searching for the answers.

I grew up in what I would call an average, inter-racial, middle-class, agnostic, and dysfunctional family. Except

for one thing, my childhood was relatively normal. I am black, and the rest of my classmates were not. To feel different from others is one thing, but to actually see the difference, and be constantly and rudely reminded of that difference is quite another experience. Therefore, my supreme ambition was to "fit in", but also

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to be recognized. I wanted to be special and popular. It was a continuous struggle. I wound up a high school dropout with no specific goal in mind and controlled by a drug habit. The next seven years were spent fighting a drug addiction, homelessness, incarceration, and the overwhelming feeling of hopelessness.

Within this lifestyle I searched for meaning and purpose, and eventually was led to the Men's Addiction Recovery Program at Union Gospel Mission in Winnipeg. At the Mission, everything

changed for me because God changed me. In class we studied Scripture, and I found meaning to my life. I found the Saviour. I traded my crack pipe for a Bible. The lesson I learned was that the old self had to die, and be raised to a new life in Christ. "I now live, yet not I, but Christ lives in me, and the life I now live, I live by the grace of God who loves me and died for me." Recognizing God's grace in my life and his unmistakable calling, I am presently in my second year at a Christian Bible college, preparing for full-time ministry.

### CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

Are you available 2-4 hours a week to help minister as a volunteer? We need brothers and sisters to come along side us and help minister in our drop-in, clothing room, evening chapel, kitchen, and weekend reception area. We are also seeking male mentors for the men in our addictions recovery program.

If you feel led to minister in any of these areas please contact Tina LaBelle, Coordinator of Volunteers, at 943-9904 or [tina@gospelmission.ca](mailto:tina@gospelmission.ca).

### MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE AT UGM

We are currently seeking a full time evening cook (Monday-Friday).

As well, there are casual positions available for a cook, night watchman, front receptionist, and off shift supervisor.

All are paid positions.

For more information please contact Jeff Gilfillan, Operations Manager, at 943-9904 or [jeff@gospelmission.ca](mailto:jeff@gospelmission.ca)

# The Bread of Life

Greg Stetski

At Union Gospel Mission the Gospel is in the center of our name, and the Gospel is the center of our ministry. We have the wonderfully balanced approach of preaching the Gospel and demonstrating the love of God, or in other words "**speaking the truth in love.**" (Ephesians 4:15). And this is just the way that Jesus showed us.

Jesus demonstrated God's love by healing all diseases, casting out demons, and twice, that we know of, feeding the multitudes (after preaching to them). However, He also left the crowds with their physical needs and said, "**Let us go into the next towns, that I may preach there also, because**

**for this purpose I have come forth.**" (Mark 1:38)

The One who taught us to pray, "**Give us this day our daily bread.**" (Matthew 6:11) also said "**It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.**" (Luke 4:4). The challenge to the Church has always been to preach the Word verbally, while demonstrating the love of God by our actions.

It is interesting to note what can happen as we give people bread. After Jesus fed the multitudes, they came seeking Him. Jesus answered them and said, "**Most assuredly, I say to you, you seek Me, not because you saw the**

*I have food to eat of which you do not know. (John 4:32).*



**signs, but because you ate the loaves and were filled. Do not labor for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to everlasting life, which the Son of Man will give you, because God the Father has set His seal on Him.**" (John 6:26-27). Our goal is the same as Jesus, to turn them from the "stale" bread to seeking the Living Bread.

Jesus taught us much about the relative value of the physical and the spiritual. "**Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more**

**than clothing?"** (Matthew 6:25). We do meet the physical needs, but there is something much more important in Jesus' opinion. Jesus further said, "**I am the Bread of Life. Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and are dead. This is the Bread that comes down from heaven, that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread that I shall give is My flesh, which I shall give for the life of the world.**" (John 6:48-51). Our ultimate goal is to draw people to the One who is the Bread of Life, so they may join in the real meal at the Marriage Supper of the Lamb.

